MONTANA LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE CENTER INDEXED NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS—MARCH 2002

BUDGET--MONTANA

"FINANCIAL WOES CONTINUE FOR DPHHS"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 13 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/13/build/montana/9A2.html

"SPECIAL SESSION ADVOCATES VOW TO NIX TAX INCREASES"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 13 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/13/build/montana/9A6.html

"STATE BUDGET PICTURE WORSENS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 15 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/15/build/local/64-statebudget.inc

COALBED METHANE

"METHANE WATER TALKS FOCUS ON TONGUE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 FEB 27 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/02/27/build/local/17-coal.inc

"ENVIROS, RESIDENTS JOIN LEGAL BATTLE OVER COALBED METHANE"; BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE; 02 MAR 7 http://news.mywebpal.com/news_tool_v2.cfm?pnpid=311&show=archivedetails&ArchiveID=741728&om=1

"DEQ PROPOSES PLAN FOR WATER RELEASED IN GAS DRILLING"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 02 MAR 12 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/12/build/local/cbmh2o.inc

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

"CROSSROADS CORRECTIONAL CENTER OFFERING YOUTH PROGRAMS"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; 2002 MAR 4

CRIME

"MONTANA CRIME RATE DROPS BY 1 PERCENT"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 22 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/22/build/montana/1C1.html

DAMS--MONTANA

"GROUP WANTS TO KNOW MILLTOWN PLANS"; MISSOULIAN; 2002 MAR 8 http://www.missoulian.com/archives/index.inn?loc=detail&doc=/2002/March/08-1976-news02.txt

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS--MONTANA

"STATE MISSED NATION'S RECESSION"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 20 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/20/build/headline/1A3.html

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"REVENUE CHIEF: TAX SYSTEM KEY TO DEVELOPMENT"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 8 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/08/build/local/58-taxsystem.inc

EDUCATIONAL FINANCE--MONTANA

"LEGISLATURE WANTS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SCHOOL FUNDING"; LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS; 02 MAR 9

ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES

"HEARING WILL TEST MPC'S CONTENTION THAT BETTER DEAL 'DOESN'T MATTER'"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; 2002 MAR 3

"PSC AGREES TO OPEN ALL OF POWER HEARING"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 8 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/08/build/local/85-psc.inc

"END OF AN ERA: MONTANA POWER COMPANY DISSOLVED"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 02 MAR 13 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/13/build/montana/8A1.html

ENERGY COSTS

"MPC TO PAY 15 TO 50 PERCENT MORE IN NEW CONTRACTS": GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE: 2002 FEB 23

"BPA CONTEMPLATES RATE CHANGES"; HUNGRY HORSE NEWS; 2002 MAR 7

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

"FROM BACKPACKS TO BRIEFCASES, FOR MANY PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT HAS BECOME A BIG BUCKS BUSINESS IN MONTANA"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 10 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/10/build/headline/1A1.html

"GROUPS DRAW MONEY FROM ACROSS THE U.S. INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 10 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/10/build/headline/7A1.html

FOOD STAMPS

"ELECTRONIC FOOD STAMP SYSTEM NEARLY READY"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 20 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/20/build/montana/9A9.html

GAMBLING--MONTANA

"GAMBLING INDUSTRY BRINGS REVENUE, JOBS AND PROBLEMS TO STATE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 10 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/10/build/local/50-gambling.inc

"STATE'S GAMBLING HABIT NO SMALL CHANGE"; MISSOULIAN; 2002 MAR 22 http://www.missoulian.com/archives/index.inn?loc=detail&doc=/2002/March/22-1901-news02.txt

GOVERNORS

"MARTZ QUITS POST IN POLITICAL GROUP"; SPOKANE SPOKESMAN REVIEW; 2002 MAR 9 http://www.spokesmanreview.com/news-story.asp?date=030902&ID=s1113548

"MARTZ OFFICE ADMITS BREAKING RULES ON CONTRACT"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 12 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/12/build/local/breakrule.inc

HIGHER EDUCATION--MONTANA

"REGENTS CHANGE SOME MEETING POLICIES"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 21 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/21/build/montana/9Z2.html

HISTORIC PLACES

"AMBITIOUS BATTLEFIELD PLAN NEEDS CASH"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 12 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/12/build/local/battlefield.inc

HUNTING

"EFFORT TO FIGHT FEE HUNTING UNDER FIRE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 18 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/18/build/local/huntclub.inc

INCOME TAX--MONTANA

"INCOME TAX SPAWNS CONFUSION"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 18 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/18/build/local/55-taxbrackets.inc

INDIAN AFFAIRS--HEALTH

"NEW INDIAN ALLIANCE HEAD PUTS PREMIUM ON HEALTH"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 02 MAR 22 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/22/build/helena/1A4.html

INDIAN AFFAIRS--MONTANA

"FAMILIES LARGER, YOUNGER"; ASSOCIATED PRESS; 2002 MAR 13

JAILS--MONTANA

"GLACIER COUNTY LOOKING AT COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDINGS FOR NEW JAIL SITE"; WESTERN BREEZE; 2002 FEB 26

LEGISLATORS--MONTANA

"FORMER LAWMAKER FRANCIS BARDANOUVE DIES: HARLEM DEMOCRAT SERVED IN STATE HOUSE FOR 34 YEARS"; MISSOULIAN; 2002 MAR 18

LOBBYING

"STATE LOBBYIST'S CLAIM QUESTIONED"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 22 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/22/build/local/64-statelobbyist.inc

MARIJUANA

"GROUP CONSIDERS BALLOT RUN FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 21 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/21/build/montana/9A8.html

PLANT CLOSURES—MONTANA

"ALUMINUM PLANT RESUMES PRODUCTION"; DAILY INTERLAKE; 2002 MAR 14

POLITICAL PARTIES

"GROWTH GIVES DEMOCRATS BIGGER HOPES IN THE WEST"; NEW YORK TIMES; 2002 MAR 11

"STATE GOP LEGAL COUNSEL RESIGNS OVER WOES WITH MAJORITY FUND"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 13 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/13/build/local/73-baker.inc

"TRUSTED STATE GOP ADVISER WIELDS POWER BEHIND SCENES"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; 2002 MAR 17 http://www.greatfallstribune.com/news/stories/20020317/localnews/1839526.html

"SENATE, HOUSE RACES GROW IN LAST CALL FOR CANDIDATES"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 02 MAR 22 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/22/build/local/82-lastcall.inc

PRISONERS

"WHO MUST PAY FOR UNINSURED INMATES' CARE?: 1995 LAW, 1997 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION FAIL TO FULLY CLARIFY ISSUE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 5 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/05/build/local/60-inmate.inc

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONS--MONTANA

"JERGESON TO SEEK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SEAT"; INDEPENDENT OBSERVER; 02 MAR 7

RIGHT TO KNOW

"RIGHT TO KNOW V. RIGHT TO PROTECT TRADE SECRETS"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 02 MAR 21 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/21/build/montana/9Z1.html

SPECIAL SESSIONS

"LOCAL LAWMAKERS FACE DECISION ON SPECIAL SESSION"; RAVALLI REPUBLIC; 2002 FEB 27 http://www.ravallinews.com/archives/index.inn?loc=detail&doc=/2002/February/26-2689-news2.txt

STATE EMPLOYEES--SALARIES

"MARTZ APPEARS COOL TO GIVING PAY RAISES TO STATE WORKERS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 8 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/08/build/local/93-noraise.inc

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

"STATE SUES OVER TOBACCO ESCROW PAYMENTS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 1 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/01/build/local/48-tobacco.inc

"HEALTH OFFICIALS WANT PROPER USE OF TOBACCO FUNDS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 MAR 6 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/03/06/build/local/78-tobacco.inc

TOBACCO TAX

"STATE MAY CONSIDER CIGARETTE TAX HIKE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; 2002 FEB 25 http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2002/02/25/build/local/2-cigtax.inc

TOXIC SUBSTANCES

"SUPERIOR FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST ASARCO"; MISSOULIAN; 2002 MAR 13 http://www.missoulian.com/archives/index.inn?loc=detail&doc=/2002/March/13-2321-news13.txt

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

"DECREASE IN VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES NOT AS GREAT AS MANY HOPED"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 13 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/13/build/montana/6A4.html

WIND POWER

"WIND PROMOTER HAS TROUBLED PAST"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; 2002 MAR 8

"TAX CREDIT WILL BENEFIT WIND POWER"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; 2002 MAR 13 http://www.helenair.com/rednews/2002/03/13/build/montana/6A2.html